

PROCLAMATION
OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MASTER SERGEANT CHARLES HEDGE, JR FOR HIS
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AND SEMINOLE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of our Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Space Force demonstrate a resolute spirit and unmatched selflessness, reminding us there are few things more American than giving of ourselves to make a difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, throughout our country's history, generations of service members have answered the call to leave their families, their jobs, and put their futures and even their lives on the line to valiantly defend our nation; and

WHEREAS, for many service members, the sacrifice has ended in permanent injury or death, yet their spirit remains in the continued preservation of our freedoms and the promise of liberty; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 30,000 living veterans in Seminole County who served our Nation in times of peace and war. Through their service, they kept America strong; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Charles Hedge, Jr comes from a long and honorable lineage of military service spanning multiple generations and conflicts, including the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Yorktown, World War I and the Battle of Chosin Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Charles Hedge, Jr enlisted in the United States Air Force on June 6, 1973, in Chicopee, Massachusetts, and served honorably for 20 years. He also served in Saudi Arabia during the Iran–Iraq conflict with additional assignments in Germany, Iceland, and Alaska. He distinguished himself as a skilled Radar Maintenance Technician and Radar Evaluator responsible for managing maintenance operations, and evaluating air defense radar systems vital to national security, earning numerous military decorations; and

WHEREAS, following his military retirement, Sergeant Charles Hedge, Jr continued a lifetime of service through civilian employment and community leadership. He remains deeply committed to veteran advocacy with 38 years of membership in the American Legion and active service with Post 243 as the 2nd Vice Commander. He is also the coordinator of numerous veteran programs, including suicide prevention and monthly visitations to veterans in retirement and memory care facilities throughout Seminole County,

WHEREAS, Sergeant Charles Hedge, Jr, has brought great credit and distinction upon himself, the United States of America, the United States Air Force, and Seminole County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, express our gratitude, admiration, and respect for Sergeant Charles Hedge, Jr, for his outstanding service to the United States Air Force.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Proclamation is presented to Sergeant Charles Hedge, Jr along with our sincere congratulations and recognition as Seminole County's

“Veteran of the Month”
ADOPTED this 10th day of February 2026.



Andria Herr, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners